

{1972 Replacement Volume and 1977 Supplement}

BY adding to

Article 59A - Mental Retardation
Section 3(g) and (r), 20A, 20B, and 20C
Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 59A - Mental Retardation
Section 3(h), (p), and (r), 5, 8(d) and (h), 10(c) and
(d), 15(e), 19(c), 20(b) and (d), 22(b), and 38
through 42, inclusive
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Preamble

WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds and declares that there is a need for private group homes for persons who are mentally retarded and whose development would be enhanced by residing in an appropriate private group home in lieu of a large State institution. These private group homes are but one component in providing for the residential needs of the mentally retarded and in alleviating shortages of living accommodations for the mentally retarded. It is eminently desirable to standardize throughout the State the areas in which private group homes may be located, and thereby to eliminate discriminatory housing practices because of mental retardation. The public interest requires, to the extent practicable, some affirmative effort to supplement public expenditure to satisfy the need for housing for mentally retarded persons by promoting the establishment of private group homes. These private group homes should be licensed by the State and should be allowed in any area in which a public group home may be allowed; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 3(g), (c), (d), (e), (s), (f), (g), (i), (j), (t), (k), (l), (m), (n), and (o), respectively, of Article 59A - Mental Retardation, of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 3(c) through (i), (l) through (p), and (s) through (u), respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That section (s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 59A - Mental Retardation